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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of **Marco FRANCIA**

**AN AUXILIARY SPRINKLING AND RECIRCULATION DEVICE FOR  
WINE-MAKING TANKS**

Assignee: **GIMAR TECNO S.R.L.**

Our Ref. **Q78585**

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 17 sheets of the specification and title sheet, including the claims and abstract and 6 sheets of drawings. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement citing a related co-pending application.

Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and executed Assignment with PTO Form 1595 will be submitted at a later date.

**Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.**

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A check for the statutory filing fee of **\$385.00** is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
ITALY	TO2002A001012	November 20, 2002

The priority document will be submitted at a later date.

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